

Women

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Christmas Festivities Crowd PTA Calendars

WHITE CHRISTMAS

The annual Hillside PTA Christmas program will be at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in the cafeteria. The primary grades and seventh and eighth grade chorus will present a musical program.

Hillside's traditional "White Christmas" program will be held today and tomorrow. At this time the students bring gifts wrapped in white paper and place them under the tree in the cafeteria to be delivered to needy families.

Santa Claus will visit all the classrooms Friday to present each student with a candy cane. The annual Christmas luncheon for officers and board members was observed at the Wayfarer's Restaurant yesterday, according to Mrs. Guy Gates, president.

International Yule

Flavian PTA will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the school cafeteria. Theme for the night is "Christmas of Other Lands," the annual

Christmas Program presented by the students of the sixth grade.

Flavian - Towers Mother singers will sing a selection of Christmas carols.

Canned food and toys wrapped in white tissue paper will be brought to school this week by the children to be given to the needy families of this area.

Sixth grade mothers will be served refreshments in the home economics room after the program.

MAGICAL MUSIC

"The Magical Magic of Christmas," will be theme of a PTA meeting to be held by Anza PTA in the school cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow.

The pledge of allegiance will feature one representative from the Brownies, Jr. Girl Scouts, Cadette Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Anza chorus will be directed by Philip Korman, principal, and the Anza mand will be directed by Francis Snyder, music teacher.

Singing the Inspirational of the evening under the leadership of Mrs. Arnold Lee, chairman of music, will be the Mothersingers.

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Lincoln Elementary PTA executive board met recently for their regular meeting and potluck salad luncheon at the home of Mrs. I. Paldino.

During the brief meeting Mrs. Andrew Foster, president, thanked the board for their gift contribution to Camp Kilpatrick through the sponsorship of 33rd District of PTA.

A report was given by Mrs. G. C. Taylor, health and welfare chairman on the March of Dimes luncheon. It was announced that the executive board had reached 100 per cent participation in the California and National PTA magazine.

A report was given by Ernest Thom, principal, on the forthcoming tax override election in Torrance in February. He stated that a registrar of voters will be at the December association meeting for the convenience of the parents.

Following the meeting, a parody on "Twas The Night Before Xmas," was read by all members, as prepared by Mrs. Ray Van Dusen and Mrs. Warren Bachmann. Mrs. Ralph Gring led the group in games and a gift exchange followed.

Assisting Mrs. Paldino at the buffet table was Mrs. Harold Caswell.

The next regular meeting of the Lincoln PTA will be on January 9 at which time all fathers will be honored at "Dad's Fun Night." The

Aeolian Society" from North High will entertain and a water safety program will be presented by Harry Percorelli, Scuba diving expert from Hermoza Beach.

BOARD HOLIDAY

Edison PTA executive board held their December meeting in the home of Mrs. William Cassida 3909 W. 187th St., Mrs. Arthur Lester, presided.

It was decided that two turkeys, canned goods, and used clothing will be given to needy families at Christmas time.

A committee was named to decorate the school Christmas tree and one to help the library chairman, Mrs. Robert Travathan, in selecting books for the library.

Mrs. William Ellings gave a safety report.

Following the board meeting, games were played and gifts exchanged. Holiday cookies and coffee and punch was served.

SCHOOL PROGRAM

Helping to set the mood of the holiday season that is rapidly approaching, the Van Deene Ave. Parent-Teacher association held their meeting in conjunction with the school Christmas program.

William Walton, principal, and Mrs. Paul Maust, PTA president, welcomed the parents and wished them a happy holiday.

A brief business meeting was held, at which time the PTA voted to buy the ice cream and a special treat for the children's Christmas parties to be held Dec. 18.

Walton explained that part of the money raised by the PTA goes to the Student Body and is used to purchase library books, instruments, or other special things that can be enjoyed by all the students.

Mrs. Ernest Kavonian, program chairman, introduced Mrs. Marilyn Stern, music teacher, who was in charge of the program.

The orchestra played three numbers, "March Time," "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas," and "Christmas Greeting."

The chorus, dressed in white robes, then sang the following selections, "O Come Little Children," "O Come, Immanuel," "Fum Fum Fum," "Christmas is Coming," "First Noel," "Hannukah Pancakes," "Joy to the World," "Song of the Manger," "Children's Song of the Nativity," "Here We Come A-Wassailing," "Silent Night," and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

A social hour followed. Hostesses were: Mmes. Hank Fiskel, Leo Pino, Adam Sarley, Mario Rodriguez, Richard West, LaVon Stroud, and James Arnold.



EYEING MISTLETOE bough is Richard Irwin, who contemplates Yuletide customs as he prepares to attend the annual Christmas dinner dance of the Torrance Welcome Wagon Club. The event will be Saturday at the Banbury Room of the Plush Horse Inn. Social hour will precede the 8:30 p.m. dinner. Surrounding Irwin are, from left, Mmes. James L. Moffett, Bud Cordon and John Lake. —PRESS photo

Sewing Circles

By BECKY SCHAEFFER

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Open Letter to the Seamstresses:

When I left our banquet to come home, last week, I was happy as any woman could ask to be. We had celebrated our success together as a club, and proved that women of all ages and backgrounds can work successfully together, learning and sharing our skills.



BECKY

We had tried something that, to the best of my knowledge, had never been done before.

With an absolute mini-

mum of expense and work, we had managed to put together a lovely collection of children's clothes, so that many children will for the first time own something made especially for them.

Nina, our youngest member took first prize for her beautifully made outfit, after sewing for only a year.

She had been helped and encouraged by one of our members, and her success is shared by everyone in the club, because it means that Nina, like several others, was able to have the confidence that is so necessary to bring ability out into the light.

While working with you in the sharing and improving of our sewing skills, I have found myself enjoying you as individuals.

Over and over again, I have been thrilled with the things some of you have tried for the first time and done so well.

Audrey, your green wool is just beautiful. Theo, Joyce and Virginia, your brocade dresses are perfect. Each of you should have a prize!

Marge Goodenberger, our vice president and chief encourager, what a wonderful, sneaky dear you are, to choose such a lovely gift for me in behalf of the girls. The sewing weights will save me many hours of cutting time, and I will never be able to use them without getting a lump in my throat!

Ronnie Saunders, my editor and an honorary Seamstress, what a help you have been! You have contributed so much in the way of encouragement not only to us, but to all who sew. We hope that both you and Dorothy Lavoie, who has taught us so much about fabrics and on whom we know we can depend for advice, will use your Golden Pincushions with our love.

To each of you who meet with us, from charter members to our most recent and welcome member, Mrs. Simpson, with your dear Scottish brogue, thank you for helping to make our club a success. My idea would have been nothing without the proof your enthusiasm.

In the coming year, I will depend on your ideas to help choose more of the interesting activities we have enjoyed so much. We'll see the latest fabrics, and learn how to work with them. We'll have guests and demonstrations, and we'll have fun!

To the seamstresses we missed at the banquet, we look forward to having you with us at El Retiro Park on January 7, eight o'clock p.m. Until then, happy holidays to all of you.

Becky



BOXING BEDJACKETS for holiday giving to the patients of the Earlwood Convalescent Hospital, 20820 Earl St., are members of the Victor Woman's Club, who will entertain the elderly patients at a party Saturday.

A Christmas carol sing-along will highlight festivities. Pictured are, from left, Mmes. Roy Wiseman, Donald Lemaster, Philanthropy chairman, and William Pearson. —PRESS photo

EL Camino Students Style Hair in Contest

Woman's "crowning glory" was given detailed attention at El Camino College this week during the 23rd semi-annual Cosmetology Hair-styling Contest.

Competitors vied in junior or senior divisions, with eight aspiring hairstylists winning either awards or recognition for fanciful creations, exhibited by models.

Clarisse Lewis, 19, of 16407 Wilton Place, Gardena, was first place winner in the lower division, composed of 20 girls.

Other Junior Division winners were Micky Chase, 19, 1509 Faymount Ave., Manhattan Beach, second place; and Myra McClendon, 19, 14727 Soudon Ave., Lawndale, third place. Denice Higham, 18, 14637

PLAN FESTIVITIES

A Christmas party will be held by the Hollywood Riviera Senior Citizens Club at 12:30 noon Friday at the El Retiro Park clubhouse. A gift exchange will be featured and refreshments served.

The club meets once a week and is open to all residents of the area. Coffee is served and card games played during the weekly meetings. President is Mrs. Gladys Sloan, FR 5-1391. Membership chairman is Mrs. C. Byrne, FR 5-4487.

Denker, Gardena, won top honors in the Senior Division. Miss Higham is also a past winner in the junior division.

Other upper circuit winners were Peggy Webb, 19, 23721 Lucille St., Torrance, second place; Delores Mebane, 19, 710 W. 132nd St., Hawthorne, third place.

Two girls, one in each division, received recognition as honorable mention winners. In the lower division, Pat Silver, 19, 4162 W. 172nd St., Torrance, and senior division competitor, Judy Sharp, 19, 4824 W. 118th Pl., Hawthorne, were winners in that category.

The three winners in each division received a certificate of their accomplishment. Miss Lewis not only gained the certificate, but will have in her possession the rotating trophy, a distinction in past years for junior first place winners, for the next semester.

Miss Higham, also a certificate winner, will have her name inscribed on the perpetual trophy, with those of all winners in the past 13 years. Along with Miss Lewis, she also won a first-place trophy.

"Originality and suitability of style were the basis for judging with the emphasis on the design for complementing the facial contour

of each individual," Mrs. Grace B. Mezzanatto, cosmetology instructor, explained.



STUFFED DOLLS are completed by members of Little Company of Mary Junior Auxiliary for Christmas selling. Also available for purchase from the group are red and green yuletide carnations. Proceeds of sales will be used to purchase baskets for the needy. Volunteers will carol at the hospital

and the Earlwood Convalescent Home today and will entertain children at the day school Saturday. Pictured are, from left, Jane Gersch, treasurer; Jeanette Jordan, vice president; and Kathy Archinger, captain of the day.

—PRESS photo

Holiday Party Set by British

A festive evening in the traditional spirit of Christmas will take place Saturday when the British Commonwealth and Friends Club of Torrance holds its Christmas party and dance at 9 p.m. in the Torrance Legion Hall, 1109, Van Ness Ave.

The hall will be decorated with the Christmas tree as the focal point. Paper hats and noise makers will carry out the holiday theme.

Jim Berwick and his band will provide a repertoire of novelty dances imported from England. Prizes will be awarded to dance winners. Singing the old carols around the tree will highlight the evening.

Refreshments will be available for purchase. Donation of \$1.75 will be accepted at the door. The public has been invited.

Persons desiring further information are asked to call 371-5658 or DA 5-2764.

YULE PARTY

Members of Gardena Emblem Club will hold its annual Christmas party, at 6:30 p.m. today at the Elk's Lodge. Mrs. Frank Duncan is in charge of entertainment and gift exchange.

Members will submit donations for Christmas baskets, toys and clothing to be distributed by community service chairman Mrs. James Downey.

Mrs. Richard Keenan, president, will announce her plans for the closing of Gardena Emblem Club's ninth successful year. New officers will be elected at January meeting.